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23 August 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Training

ATTENTION : Assistant Chief for Covert Training, OS/IR

FROM : Chief, SR/DOB

SUBJECT : Request for Covert Training

Project: ABACUS

Pseudonyms: See biographic data in para 5 for each student.

1. Initiated by [ ] Divisions: SR, Branches: DOB.

2. Date of Project Approval: 8/8 Agent Status: Contract Employee

3. Operational Officers: [ ] Known to students as: [ ]

Room: 2107 Building: 4 Extension: 8311

Alternate Operations Officer: [ ] Known to students as:

[ ] Room: 2107 Building: 4 Extension: 8311

4. Training Dates: 16 - 18, 22 - 25 November 1957. Area: Washington.

5. Complete biographic background of trainee:

Pseudonyms: Mario L. Giordano, Agent Nationality: American

Type and Date of Clearance: C-JU300 #5668 6 October 1953

Subject was born on 13 September 1906 at Kuressaare, Estonia. He married Salma Sipari of Narva, Estonia on 27 October 1929. Subject is the father of two sons. He was educated in Tallin war schools and graduated from the military academy there. Subject has a vast amount of military and intelligence experience having worked in the Estonian Intelligence Service, Finnish and German Military Intelligence Service, British Intelligence from 1929 to 1945 and with the United States Intelligence since 1946. Subject reached the rank of Captain in 1944 while working for Estonian Intelligence Service. His 28 years of intelligence experience has included analysis and compilation, intelligence liaison, OS instruction, W/T, training and recruiting, assessment and handling.

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of Russians, Polish, German and U. S. agents. He also assisted in the disbands of agents into the USSR. From 1931 to 1933 he was utilized by GPU as an operational instructor. Subject has the following language capabilities: Russian, Russian, German, French, Polish, Italian, English.

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Previous Intelligence Training: Course: Russia and Britain.

Date: 1-7 June 1957

Residence: Cabaret Hotel, 2 April 1957

Type and Date of Clearance: Category 1, Agent Reliability Indefinite

Subject was born in Leningrad October, USSR on 20 December 1915. He was married in 1939 but separated from his wife and has not lived with her since 1942. In November 1930, Subject's position was that of an elementary teacher for the Soviet Union. It was at the Second GPU that Subject met his second wife, Irina. A widow in the admirer's name. Subject attended elementary school in Stavropol from 1920 to 1930. From 1930 to 1932, he attended seven year school in Kurskaya Oblast. From 1932 to 1935, he attended and completed teacher training school in Lopatino. In 1935, he was drafted by the Soviet Commissariat of Education to the 1st and 2nd Artillery Schools until 1941, at which time he transferred to AAA School in Dzerzhin, graduating with honors with rank of Lieutenant and received as platoon commander till September 1941. From 1941 to 1945, Subject served in the 6th PVO Zone in Moscow as AAA officer. From July to 1945, he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel of Soviet officer. From 1945 to 1951, he was hospitalized in April 1947. of Lieutenant with rank of Captain. Subject was recalled to active duty by the NKV (Ministry) and sent immediately to the GPU, assigned as chief of staff to the 92nd agents and instructors. Promoted to rank of Major in February 1950. In September 1950, he was reduced in function as a result of disciplinary action taken against him for frequenting and transferred to the 92nd agents and instructors. For a second offense of frequenting, Subject was demoted to Captain in 3 November 1951 and received orders to return to the USSR. He then defected to the U. S. Sector of Berlin in December 1952. Subject started working for U. S. Intelligence in 1952. Subject has the following language capabilities: Russian, German and Ukrainian.

Previous Intelligence Training: Course: Independent Training in Germany.

Date: 10 August - 20 September 1952

6. Project Objective: EEGSE Area of Assignment: Washington, D. C.

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7. Description of cover and duties to be performed by the agents in the field: Instructors on the ARMY Project.
8. Proposed Cover to be used during training: Consultants and Instructors for Language and Area Evaluation Section, Deputy Chief of Staff for Military Operations, Department of Army.
9. Students availability for training: Full time.
10. Specific problems to be considered in handling trainees: These students are long-term, GRAD Contract Employees. Their main function is that of agent training. They also assist GRAD operations in research, analysis and planning of specialized GRAD techniques. At present they are assigned as instructors on the ARMY Project and concern themselves primarily with teaching Tradecraft and other related subjects. This training by GR will enable them to uniformly follow Basic Agency Doctrine as concerns content, training techniques, etc.
11. Specific training subjects to be covered: Security, Cover, Observation and Description, Interviewing, Interrogation, Surveillance, Telephones and Miles (theory), General CI methods, Inter-field communications, Recruiting of Agents, Training of Agents, Agent management and Control and Reporting.
12. Technical training requirements: N/A.
13. These students have not in the past, nor do they at present, visit secret installations of the organization.
14. Special attributes to be evaluated: General evaluation.

Other, DR Division

Approved: Training Officer

DR Staff

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